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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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**STACKED MICROVOIDED LIGHT  
DIFFUSER**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please  
amend as follows:

**In the Specification**

Please amend the specification beginning at page 8, line 25  
through page 9, line 7 with the following:

--Fig. 1 is a cross section of the light diffuser 12 of the invention  
containing two voided layers. Light diffuser 12 contains polymer matrix layer 22  
which comprises small voids 24. Large air voids 30 are dispersed in polymer  
matrix layer 28. The two voided layers contain interface 26.

Fig. 2 illustrates a liquid crystal display device with a light diffuser  
12 with multiple polymer voided layers. Visible light source 18 is illuminated  
and light is guided into acrylic board 2. Reflection tape 4 is used to focus light  
energy into the acrylic board 2. Reflection tape 6, reflection tape 10 and  
reflection film 8 are utilized to keep light energy from exiting the acrylic board in